

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

TOP TEN WATERSHED TIPS FROM THE EPA

1. Conserve water every day. Take shorter showers, fix leaks and turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
2. Don't pour toxic household chemicals down the drain. Take them to a local hazardous waste collection center instead.
3. Use hardy plants that require little or no watering, fertilizers or pesticides in your yard.
4. Do not over apply fertilizers. Consider using organic or slow release fertilizers.
5. Recycle yard waste in a compost pile and use a mulching mower to leave grass clippings on the lawn.
6. Use surfaces like wood, brick or gravel for decks, patios and walkways. They allow rain to soak in and not run off.
7. Never pour used oil or antifreeze into the storm drain or the street. Visit www.earth911.org to find out where you can go to dispose of hazardous wastes properly.
8. Pick up after your dog and dispose of the waste in the toilet or the trash.
9. Drive less – walk or bike instead. Many pollutants in our waters come from car exhaust and car leaks.
10. Adopt your watershed! Learn more at www.epa.gov/adopt.

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